

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An automatic sheet feeder includes a sheet input tray, first to third passageways, through which sheets may be successively fed, a sheet-feeding mechanism, and a sheet output tray. The first passageway communicates with the sheet input tray, the second passageway selectively communicates with the first passageway, and the third passageway selectively communicates with the first passageway. The sheet-feeding mechanism feeds a first sheet successively from the sheet input tray to the first, second, first, and third passageways. The sheet output tray, in which the sheets are stored, communicates with the third passageway. The front side of the first sheet is toward opposite directions when it passes through the first passageway at the first and second times. When the first sheet is fed to the third passageway, a second sheet is fed to the first passageway.